

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed D.C. Appropriations, 1997.

House committee ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8833–S8941

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1989–1992. **Page S8866**

Measures Passed:

Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1675, to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8777–81

Gramm Amendment No. 5038, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8777–80**

D.C. Appropriations, 1997: Senate passed H.R. 3845, making appropriations for government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, after agreeing to committee amendments.

Pages S8821–29

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Jeffords, Campbell, Hatfield, Kohl, and Inouye. **Page S8829**

Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act: Senate passed H.R. 2980, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8829–32

Lott (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 5083, to prohibit persons convicted of a crime involving domestic violence from owning or possessing firearms.

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Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed H.R. 1051, to provide for the extension of certain

hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Historical Publications and Records Commission Authorization: Senate passed S. 1577, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

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Cambodia Most-Favored-Nation Treatment: Senate passed H.R. 1642, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S8930–31

Small Business Investment Company Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1784, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8931–38

Murkowski (for Bond/Bumpers) Amendment No. 5090, to provide for an extension of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

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Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3166, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and to reform medical liability, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8938–41

Murkowski (for Specter) Amendment No. 5091, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S8938–41

Federal Employee Representation Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 782, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1997: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action of amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8741–77, S8781–S8820, S8833–63

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 238), McCain Modified Amendment No. 5017, to require information on cooperation with United States anti-terrorism efforts in the annual country reports on terrorism.

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By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 244), Coverdell Amendment No. 5018, to increase the amount of funds available for international narcotics control programs.

Pages S8745, S8819–20, S8833–36, S8841–42

Cohen Amendment No. 5019, to sanction certain U.S. assistance to Burma unless such sanctions would be contrary to U.S. national security interests. (By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S8745–58, S8795–96, S8808–16

McConnell (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 5020, to allocate foreign assistance for Mongolia.

Pages S8758, S8760

McConnell (for Reid) Amendment No. 5021, to restrict the use of funds for any country that permits the practice of female genital mutilation.

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McConnell (for Inouye/Bennett) Amendment No. 5022, to earmark funds for support of the United States Telecommunications Training Institute.

Pages S8758, S8760

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5023, to delete provisions relating to a landmine use moratorium.

Pages S8758–60

McConnell (for Leahy/Inouye) Amendment No. 5024, to require a report on actions of the Government of Tunisia with respect to civil liberties and the independence of the judiciary.

Pages S8758–60

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5025, to provide additional funds to support the International Development Association.

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McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 5026, to amend the notification requirements provisions.

Pages S8758, S8760, S8817

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 240), Helms Amendment No. 5028, to prohibit United States voluntary contributions to the United Nations and its specialized agencies if the United Nations attempts to implement or impose taxation on United States persons to raise revenue for the United Nations.

Pages S8765–68, S8774–75, S8853–54

Murkowski Amendment No. 5029, to express the sense of the Congress regarding implementation of United States-Japan Insurance Agreement.

Pages S8769–70

McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 5030, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Chechnya.

Pages S8770, S8772

McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 5031, to allocate funds for demining operations in Afghanistan.

Pages S8770, S8772

McConnell (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 5032, to require a General Accounting Office study and report on the grants provided to foreign governments, foreign entities, and international organizations by United States agencies.

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McConnell (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 5033, to require a GAO study and report on the grants provided to foreign governments, foreign entities, and international organizations by United States agencies.

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McConnell (for Simon) Amendment No. 5034, to clarify the use of certain development funds for Africa.

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McConnell (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 5039, to require certain reports on the situation in Burma regarding labor practices.

Pages S8775–76

McConnell (for Graham) Amendment No. 5040, to make Haiti eligible to purchase defense articles and services.

Pages S8775–76

McConnell (for Brown/Simon) Amendment No. 5041, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States should take steps to improve economic relations between the United States and the countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

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McConnell (for Specter) Amendment No. 5042, to permit certain claims against foreign states to be heard in United States courts where no extradition treaty with the state existed at the time the claim arose and where no other adequate and available remedies exist.

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McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 5043, to express the sense of the Congress that Croatia be commended for its contributions to NATO and peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia.

Pages S8775–76

McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 5044, to express the sense of the Congress that Romania is

making significant progress toward admission to NATO.

Pages S8775-76

Kerry Amendment No. 5046 (to Amendment No. 5045), to promote the establishment of a permanent multilateral regime to govern the transfer of conventional arms. (Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 5045, listed below, was tabled.)

Pages S8783-84

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 242), Domenici Amendment No. 5047, to withhold international military education and training assistance from Mexico unless the Mexican Government either apprehends and prosecutes or extradites the ten most wanted drug lords indicted in the United States.

Pages S8788-95, S8807

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 245), Brown Modified Amendment No. 5058, to expedite the transition to full membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of emerging democracies in Central and Eastern Europe.

Pages S8797-98, S8806-07, S8836-42

McConnell (for Inouye) Amendment No. 5059, to express the sense of the Congress regarding expansion of eligibility for Holocaust survivor compensation by the Government of Germany.

Pages S8798, S8805, S8854

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 5060, to allocate funds for commercial law reform in the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Pages S8798-99, S8805

McConnell (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 5061, to urge continued and increased United States support for the efforts of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to bring to justice the perpetrators of gross violations of international law in the former Yugoslavia.

Pages S8798-S8801, S8805

McConnell (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5062, to state the sense of the Senate on the delivery by the People's Republic of China of cruise missiles to Iran.

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McConnell (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5063, to state the sense of the Senate on delivery by China of ballistic missile technology to Syria.

Pages S8798, S8803-05

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 5064, to treat adult children of former internees of Vietnamese reeducation camps as refugees for purposes of the Orderly Departure Program.

Pages S8798, S8804-05

McConnell Amendment No. 5065, to provide for a report on activities of the military forces of the People's Republic of Korea.

Pages S8798, S8805

McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 5079, to require the deobligation of certain unexpended economic assistance funds.

Pages S8816-17

McConnell (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 5080, to express the sense of the Senate in opposition to the military overthrow of the Government of Burundi and to encourage the swift and prompt end to the current crisis.

Pages S8816-19

McConnell (for Abraham) Amendment No. 5081, to provide for \$15,000,000 earmarked for the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Program from the Development Assistance Account.

Pages S8816-17

McConnell (for Abraham) Amendment No. 5082, to provide for \$5,000,000 earmarked for a land and resource management institute to identify nuclear contamination at Chernobyl.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 5084, to reduce the contribution to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

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McConnell/Leahy/Lautenberg Amendment No. 5085, to establish the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa.

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McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5086, to provide for the transfer of unobligated and unearmarked funds to International Organizations and Programs.

Pages S8842-44

McConnell (for Pell) Amendment No. 5087, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should encourage other governments to draft and participate in regional treaties aimed at avoiding any adverse impacts on the physical environment or environmental interests of other nations or a global commons area, through the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments, where appropriate.

Pages S8842-44

Murkowski Amendment No. 5089 (to Amendment No. 5078), to provide conditions for funding North Korea's implementation of the nuclear framework agreement.

Pages S8849-52

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 239), Smith Amendment No. 5027, to strike funds made available for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Pages S8760-65, S8773-74

Dorgan/Hatfield Amendment No. 5045, to establish standards of eligibility for arms transfers and give Congress a role in reviewing which governments are eligible for U.S. arms transfers and military assistance. (By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S8781-88, S8806-07

Pending:

Simpson Amendment No. 5088, to strike the provision which extends reduced refugee standards for certain groups.

Pages S8844-49, S8852

Lieberman Amendment No. 5078, to reallocate funds for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization. **Pages S8849–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Friday, July 26, 1996. **Page S8831**

Health Insurance Reform Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Roth, Kassebaum, Lott, Kennedy, and Moynihan. **Pages S8820–21**

Small Business Job Protection Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Senators Kassebaum, Jeffords, and Kennedy; and from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Hatch, Simpson, Pressler, Moynihan, Baucus, Bradley, Pryor, and Rockefeller. **Page S8820**

Energy and Water Appropriations, 1997—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1959, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, on Friday, July 26, 1996. **Page S8831**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Glenn Dale Cunningham, of New Jersey, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

Joan B. Gottschall, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Robert L. Hinkle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S8865–66**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8924–30**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total–245) **Pages S8744, S8774–75, S8807, S8815–16, S8841–42**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 26, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8831.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMERCE ONLINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1726, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of privacy-enhancing technologies, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; William P. Crowell, Deputy Director, National Security Agency; James Barksdale, Netscape Communications, Mountain View, California; Roel Pieper, Tandem Computers, Inc., Cupertino, California; and Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform, and Michael Skol, Diplomatic Resolutions, both of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS/SITES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1699, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the vicinity and outside the boundaries of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico, and S. 1809, entitled "Aleutian World War II National Historic Sites Act", after receiving testimony from John Reynolds, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Brad Gilman, Ounalashka Corporation, Unalaska, Alaska.

WORLD BANK PROJECTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the nature of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corp and its role in administering World Bank projects in Xinjiang, China, receiving testimony from David Lipton, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Washington, D.C., and Harry Wu, Milpitas,

California, both of the Laogai Research Foundation, Washington; Teresa Buczacki, Falls Church, Virginia; Mohammed Ferhat, Munich, Germany; and Abulajiang Baret, Urumqi, Xinjiang, China.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Office of Management and Budget;

S. 1376, to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1931, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton Post Office and Courthouse", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1718, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with an amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1237, to revise certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1887, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1556, to prohibit economic espionage, and to provide for the protection of United States proprietary economic information in interstate and foreign commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

GENETICS RESEARCH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine recent developments in genetics research, public policy issues with regard to access to and use of genetic information, and the impact of genetic technologies on certain sectors of industry, health care delivery system, and the public, after receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Domenici; Francis S. Collins, Director, National Center for Human Genome Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Karen H. Rothenberg, University of Maryland School of Law, and Neil A. Holtzman, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, both of Baltimore, Maryland; Patricia D. Murphy, OncorMed, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland; Kate T. Christensen, Permanente Medical Group, Oakland, California; Judy E. Garber, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard University Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Wendy L. McGoodwin, Council for Responsible Genetics, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3895–3906; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 187, and H. Con. Res. 201–202 were introduced. **Pages H8556–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1617, to consolidate and reform workforce development and literacy programs (H. Rept. 104–707); and

H. Res. 489, providing for the consideration of, H.R. 2823 to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (H. Rept. 104–708).

Pages H8387–H8458, H8516, H8556

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Myrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8381**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H8384**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 23 nays, Roll

No. 360, the House passed H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

Pages H8384–87

Agreed To:

The Schaefer amendment that increases funding for renewable energy programs by \$30 million, debated on July 24 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 279 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 358). Pages H8385–86

Rejected:

The Obey amendment that sought to eliminate the \$17 million funding for the Advanced Light Water Reactor Program, debated on July 24 (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 357); and

Pages H8384–85

The Markey en bloc amendment that sought to eliminate the \$20 million funding for pyroprocessing or electrometallurgical treatment by reducing energy research and development by \$5 million and defense environmental restoration and waste management by \$15 million, debated on July 24 (rejected by a recorded vote of 138 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 359).

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Campaign Finance Reform: By a yea-and-nay vote of 162 yeas to 259 nays, Roll No. 365, the House failed to pass H.R. 3820, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of Federal election campaigns.

Pages H8470–H8516

By a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 364, the House rejected the Fazio amendment that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Oversight with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that clarifies the definitions relating to independent expenditures.

Pages H8514–16

Rejected, by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 363, the Fazio amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3505, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, modified by the modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, H. Rept. 104–685.

Pages H8492–H8514

By a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 362, the House agreed to H. Res. 481, the rule which provided for consideration of the bill. Agreed to the Solomon amendment which provided that the Thomas amendment be considered as adopted in the House and the Committee of the Whole. The Thomas amendment revised allowable contribution amounts. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas and 193 nays, Roll No. 361.

Pages H8458–70

Child Labor Provisions: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1114, to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor

Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H8517–18

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8381.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8384–85, H8385–86, H8386, H8387, H8469–70, H8470, H8513–14, H8515–16, and H8516. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROCESSOR-FUNDED MILK PROMOTION PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held an oversight hearing on the processor-funded milk promotion program (MilkPEP) established by the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990. Testimony was heard from Richard M. McKee, Director, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began consideration of the following reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Budget Reconciliation Act: Title III, Subtitle A—Deposit Insurance Funds; Subtitle B—Thrift Charter Conversion.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONSUMER PRODUCTS—ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Federal Energy Efficiency Standards for Consumer Products. Testimony was heard from Representative Gillmor; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Christine A. Ervin, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Michael McCabe, Director, Office of Codes and Standards; and public witnesses.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3876, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3841, amended, Omnibus Civil Service Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3864, amended, GAO Management Reform Act; H.R. 3452, amended, Presidential and Executive Office Accountability Act; H.R. 3637, Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996; H.R. 3802, amended, Electronic Freedom of Information Act; H.R. 3869, amended, Electronic Reporting and Streamlining Act; H.R. 1281, War Crimes Disclosure Act; H.R. 3625, National Historical Publications and Records Commission Reauthorization Act; H.R. 3768, to designate a United States Post Office to be located in Groton, MA, as the "Augusta 'Gusty' Hornblower United States Post Office"; and H.R. 3834, to designate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, IL, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

The Committee also approved the following draft reports: "Protecting the Nation's Blood Supply from Infectious Agents: The Need for New Standards to Meet New Threats"; "Health Care Fraud: All Public and Private Payers Need Federal Criminal Anti-Fraud Protections"; "Investigation into the Activities of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Toward the Branch Davidians"; and "Two Year Review of the White House Communications Agency Reveals Major Mismanagement, Lack of Accountability and Mission Creep".

SYRIA AND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Syria: Peace Partner or Rogue Regime? Testimony was heard from Philip Wilcox, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ALBANIA—HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights and Democracy in Albania. Testimony was heard from Rudolf V. Perina, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing to review whether Congress should adopt legislation that would exempt from local taxation wireless service providers who transmit satellite-delivered video programming. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1996.

LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime concluded hearings on the Administration's efforts against the influence of organized crime in the Laborer's International Union of North America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James Burns, U.S. Attorney, Northern District, Illinois; John C. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Paul E. Coffey, Organized Crime and Racketeering, Section; Michel Ross, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI; Abner J. Mikva, former Counsel, The White House; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF MORATORIA

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Outer Continental Shelf moratoria. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goss, Seastrand, Riggs, Woolsey, Pallone, Eshoo, and Pelosi; and Cynthia L. Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3099, Washita Battlefield Nation Historic Site Act of 1996; H.R. 3819, to amend the Act establishing the National Park Foundation; H.R. 3486, to dispose of certain Federal properties at Dutch John, Utah, and to assist local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community; H.R. 3769, to provide for the conditional transfer of the Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands, the Coos Bay Military Wagon Road Lands, and related public domain lands to the State of Oregon; and H.R. 3497, Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bunn of Oregon, Dunn, Lucas, and Orton; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Katherine

Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service; Nancy Hayes, Chief of Staff and Counselor, Bureau of Land Management; and Steve Richardson, Director, Policy and External, Bureau of Reclamation; Eleanor Towns, Director, Lands, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on deferred maintenance and energy reliability issues at facilities generating power marketed by the Southeastern Power Administration. Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks of New Jersey and Meehan; Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Charles Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy; Daniel R. Burns, Chief of Operations, Construction and Readiness Division, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2823, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act.

In lieu of the Committee on Resources amendment, the rule provides for one amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 to be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The amendment numbered 1 shall be considered as read.

The rule also provides for an amendment to be offered by Representative Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Saxton, Gilchrest, and Miller of California.

OVERSIGHT—EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities held an oversight hearing on the Effectiveness of U.S. Export Assistance Centers. Testimony was heard from JayEtta Hecker, Director, International Trade, Finance and Competitiveness Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Johnnie Frazier, Assistant Inspector General, Inspections and Program Evaluations; and Lauri-Fitz-

Pegado, Assistant Secretary and Director General, U.S. Commercial Service; James P. Morris, Director, Regional Office, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and Mary N. Joyce, International Trade Specialist, SBA.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization Maintaining Adequate Infrastructure: The Surface Transportation Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Visclosky; William G. Burnett, Executive Director, Department of Transportation, State of Texas; Brian Rude, Senator, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 30.

SOCIAL SECURITY MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS ACT; SSA AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security approved for full Committee action the Social Security Miscellaneous Amendments Act of 1996.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing to Review the Performance of the Social Security Administration as an Independent Agency. Testimony was heard from Rogello Garcia, Specialist in American National Government, Government Management and Operations Section, Government Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General, GAO; and Shirley Sears Chater, Commissioner, SSA.

U.S. TRADE COMPETITIVENESS AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S. Trade Competitiveness and Workforce Education and Training. Testimony was heard from Robert R. Reich, Secretary of Labor; David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Post-Secondary Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget

for fiscal year 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D794)

H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the City of Rolla, Missouri. Signed July 24, 1996. (P.L. 104-165)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings to review the General Accounting Office report on the Federal Reserve System, 9:15 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on

Expiring Section 8 Contracts and FHA Insurance, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 3391, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Consumers and Health Informatics, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, briefing on proposed National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Land Exchange contained in the House counter-offer to the Senate on the Presidio legislation, 11:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on S. 1316, to authorize funds for programs of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3540, Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1997.

Senate will also consider S. 1959, Energy and Water Appropriations, 1997.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 26

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2391, Working Families Flexibility Act (modified open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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